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SUBJ: JAPANESE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLANS

REF: TOKYO 14269

1. MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI) HAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED NATION-WIDE ENERGY CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN FOR JANUARY-MARCH 1975. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, APPROXIMATELY 3500 MAJOR CONSUMERS OF HEAVY OIL AND ELECTRIC POWER WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO MITI PLANS FOR ENERGY SAVING BY JANUARY 20, FOLLOWED BY PROGRESS REPORTS ON EFFECTIVENESS OF MEASURES TAKEN AT END OF APRIL. MITI ALSO REPORTEDLY UNHAPPY WITH LEVEL OF OIL INDUSTRY'S CRUDE REFINING AND NAPHTHA IMPORTS PLANNED FOR LAST HALF OF JAPAN FY 1974 AND APPARENTLY WILL DIRECT 4.6 PERCENT AND 30 PERCENT REDUCTION RESPECTIVELY. (JAPAN PETROLEUM CONFIDENTIAL

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COUNCIL PREDICTED IN SEPTEMBER THAT 130.8 MILLION KILO-

LITERS OF CRUDE WOULD BE REFINED AND 380 KILOLITERS OF NAPHTHA IMPORTED DURING LAST HALF OF JAPAN FY 1974 ENDING MARCH 31).

2. EMBOFF CONTACTED RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL IN MITI (HIRABAYASHI) TO INQUIRE ABOUT VERACITY OF NEWS REPORTS. HIRABAYASHI ASSERTED THERE "NOTHING NEW" IN ANNOUNCED CAMPAIGN, NOTING MITI HAD SPONSORED 26 "ENERGY SAVING WEEKS" IN PAST. HIRABAYASHI TERMED "PURE SPECULATION" NEWS REPORTS THAT MITI HAS SET SPECIFIC GOALS FOR REDUCTIONS IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION, OIL IMPORTS OR REFINING RUNS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO REDUCE JAPAN'S ENERGY CONSUMPTION NOW UNDER STUDY, WHICH MITI HOPES TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT FOR CABINET APPROVAL AFTER MEETING OF IEA STANDING GROUP ON LONG-TERM COOPERATION.
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